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YELLOW DEFEATS VARSITY.

Walker's Eighty-Yard Dash and Rochester's Interference Features—Line Worked Well.

In a game marked by erratic work on the part of the Varsity, Hamilton was defeated at the Eastern League Ball Park in Rochester, Saturday, 12-6. The great stands were comfortably filled with supporters of both teams and the field was lined with automobiles. The weather, although a trifle warm, was remarkably suitable for football and the field was hard and compact and in ideal condition. A contingent of some fifty undergraduates accompanied the team and the rooting was augmented by a score of loyal Alumni from the city and neighboring towns.

Hamilton's only score came in the first quarter. Knox had punted to J. Forsyth and Rochester had gained first down. J. Forsyth fumbled on a line buck and Walker, scooping the ball out of the mix-up and, with fine interference by Fear, cleverly eluded four of the opposing players, running 65 yards for a touchdown. Knox kicked the goal.

Instead of serving as an incentive for added effort, the Varsity's score seemed to produce an enervating influence, while Rochester started the second quarter full of vim. Beautiful end runs by Brown and Yorkey, following Knox's punt, netted 40 yards and before Hamilton braced, J. Forsyth, by successive line bucks, carried the ball over for a touchdown. Brown kicked the goal. Almost immediately the Yellow began another triumphant procession down the field. Following the kick-off to J. Forsyth, Brown skirted the end for fifty yards and Kaiser carried the ball to within ten yards of the goal. In two line-bucks Forsyth made eight yards and then Hamilton was penalized for holding. It was first down for Rochester and the ball only a yard from the goal. Two line bucks by J. Forsyth netted a scant two feet. The Hamilton line held magnificently, but, in the next buck, Brown managed to wriggle over the line by an inch, and then kicked a difficult goal.

Rochester made several fair catch-

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UNION WINS THE RUN

An Individual Victory, But a Collective Defeat—Capt. Eggleston Again Finishes First.

Last Saturday the cross-country team was defeated by Union 18-11. Still, we find considerable satisfaction in the knowledge that Capt. Eggleston won the race in clean-cut fashion after running a well-judged race. Le Barron of Union, who came in second, is a strong runner and had been expected by his supporters to give Eggleston a very close race if not to beat him. But "Reggles," wary of his opponent's sprinting finish, let him set the pace for half the course and then, taking the lead, ran him off his legs on the way back and won handily by 50 yards. LeBarron was barely able to finish.

Dayton made a plucky bid for fifth place, but was beaten by inches, after a hard sprint to the finish.

The course was exactly four miles over a macadamized road. Eggleston's time was 20 minutes, 59 seconds.

The contestants finished in the following order: 1, Eggleston, H; 2, Le Barron, U; 3, Elmore, U; 4, Rogers, U; 5, Tremper, U; 6, Dayton, H; 7, Keddy, H; 8, Mattoon, H.

There will be no other Varsity races this fall, but Manager Ingersoll is trying to secure indoor matches for a relay team this winter. Next Saturday the Freshman team meets Schenectady High School in a cross-country race at Clinton. The race will be over the same course run in the Hamilton-Colgate meet.

FRESHMEN BEAT CLINTON.

The Freshmen football team defeated the Clinton High School team Saturday, on Steuben Field, by a score of 2-0. The score came in the last quarter. On a long pass for a punt the ball went over the Clinton fullback's head and was recovered behind the goal for a safety.

Clinton excelled in team work and the Freshmen in line bucking.

—"Stan" Woods, ex-'13, was at the Rochester game. He is working hard. There's no "little game" these days.

THE COLLEGE SMOKES.

A Rally in Commons Brings Forth a Speech or Two and Considerable Enthusiasm.

A man named Caesar came, took a look at things and walked away with the blue ribbon, but his power was puny compared with the spirit of enthusiasm which swept over Commons Thursday night, carrying every vestige of cynic pessimism before it and culminating in a rendition of Carissima that echoed in the ears of the Team at Rochester two days later. That the Football Smoker for the Varsity accomplished its purpose is but the simple truth.

The characteristic spirit of a Hamilton smoker is spontaneity and Dr. A. P. Saunders caught it at the start. In a happily conceived speech he congratulated the Sophomores and Freshmen on their recent abolition of "trots" and stated his belief that it meant much for the classical future of the College. He struck the keynote of his speech, however, when he complimented the Team on their work with the words, "I have been in this College a little longer than any man in the room, I think, and I do not exaggerate when I say that football is coming up and we are once more approaching the crest of the wave."

Dr. Saunders was followed by Prof. Chase, who acknowledged his first introduction to the entire College and gave a few of his impressions of the Hill. "A new man is enabled," said Prof. Chase, "to judge conditions with a clear, impartial view, and I may truthfully say that I have been impressed by your courtesy on the field. Your Team and its supporters display a courtesy which is not of the conventional type."

The real purpose of the evening was accomplished by the speeches of Captain Knox and Coach Sidle who spoke in hopeful terms of the prospects at Rochester on Saturday. Knox spoke briefly of the merits of the Varsity as compared with teams of past years, while Sidle expressed his gratification at the pluck and endurance displayed by the Team.

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OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT.

Bib and Enterpe Have a Nocturnal Disagreement.

When "Bib", our beloved bibliophile, engaged a room in Carnegie Hall last June for the present college year, deRegt smiled and John Manning and Mrs. Williams hastened joyfully about the corridor and laid wily plans for "dutching" sheets in the boudoir of His Nibs. Now "Dri" Thompson and an ardent host of Anti-Bibs have taken up the cause.

"Dri" rooms directly under the nimbused apartment. Last week, under the cover of friendly night, an old tin-pan Steinway was carried into 21. The library closed at ten o'clock. Promptly at 10:05 a raucous, blatant chorus of voices began the funereal dirge from Faust, "We won't get drunk any more", and the Steinway took up the strain.

"Bib", in his pink nighty on the floor above, with a last admiring glance at his Phi Beta Kappa Key, wound up his Ingersoll and laid him down to sleep. Not much! The chorus swelled. High above the rest the melodious tenor of "Booge" Plant lent harmony to the ensemble. "Bib" pulled the Berlin astrakan tighter about him and spat upon the floor. His aesthetic nature did not respond to the symphony. The bell in the Chapel tower announced approaching midnight. Louder rose the voices from below. "Bib" pounded upon the radiator with his bed slipper, which malicious action was in contradiction with the explicit directions of the catalogue concerning the use of rooms. No effect, save that twenty hands sought twenty noses in derisive nonchalance down in 21. "Bib" donned his bath robe and crept silently out into the shadows of the October night, out onto the dewy greensward of the Campus, which sparkled like the jewels on the breast of a George-Ade-chorus-damsel. The chapel spire glittered resplendently in the soft light of the full moon. An autumn night upon the Kirkland hillside—"Bib", alone, to commune with nature. Possibly it was "Mugs" Mason, King of the Boy Scouts, returning from Larry's, who heard him; perhaps it was "Screw" Cross, late at his books, who detected the scarcely audible monosyllable. Anyhow, "Bib" blurted out—well, we have it straight. Strange words those, but how teeming with significance.

—In her will, the late Mrs. Talcott, whose husband, Dr. Selden H. Talcott, '69, did so large a work in the Middletown State Hospital, leaves $2,000 to the College.

PREX'S PETS.

The Least of Which is Not "Bill" Kultchar.

"The singing of the choir at morning chapel gives me inspiration for my day's work."—F. H. Wood.

"The harmony of the college choir is a source of constant pleasure."—A. H. Shearer.

"A perfected ensemble."—H. S. Brown.

The above testimonials from eminent musical authorities, whose taste is most discriminating, are but expressions of the sentiment which pervades the college body. Real inherent musical ability, the finesse and technique of a Caruso, the soul and epitome of a Nordica—Prex's choir.

When it is generally known that, although "Bill" Kultchar can not sing a note, he received a twenty-five dollar check from dad for his musical recognition, and that "Bud" Walker, trailing after "Jack" West, fakes a beautiful tenor, and that "Big" Cal sings, O, so dreadfully bad—then and only then will the choir of our morning hour be appreciated. What boots it if "Bill" Marsh does sing with a passionate gleam in his eye and "Cyclops" Thompson swings the bluff that he is suffering from laryngitis? What boots it if "Slimer" Goodenough forms with his labials a yawning chasm for the vagrant housefly and "Jack" West vies with "Wardie" in eternally missing the key? Yes, what boots it? 'Tis wind that counts; pure, unadulterated noise. What angers the student body is Prex's disparagement of George Babcock Ogden, the premier vocalist of the valley of the Oriskany.

But is the college to hear the imported Barbadoes cymbal-sounder no more?

And then again, why this recent rearrangement in the seating of the choir? Does Prex promise some antiphones? Ye Gods, it cannot be—not with that choir. Or has Prex become awearied by the volume of discord belched into his very ears, and, to avoid such distress, so shifted the seats that the vocalists must sing at each other? At any rate, the effect is altogether charming, except for the Faculty and Seniors. With all these elaborate innovations, both of personnel and seating, we presumably may expect some magnificent treat.

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Press Association has been working steadily in its efforts to obtain publicity for the College. Special articles, personal articles of local interest, and bulletins of general news are being sent out.

A call for candidates brought out a good number. They are Callahan, Cole, Jessup, and Mengerink of '14, Clark, Jessup, Johnson, King, and White of '15. Men will be taken into the Association as soon as their energy and ability is proven.

Besides the regular publicity work, the Press Association will undertake much of the organization work of the Ten-Year Athletic Association. It will interest itself in any effort for the good of the College.

Through the generosity of a recent Alumnus, the Association will be able, during the year, to offer a prize for suitable articles. Announcement of the subject and conditions will be made later.

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EDITORIAL.

Middlebury next.

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Eighty men went to Rochester.

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Life commends the Press Club for its football reports in the N. Y. Sun. Have you noticed them, Mr. Alumnus?

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It seems necessary to send out to our Alumni an earnest appeal to spend a few days on the Hill helping whip the team into shape. Supposedly, we have the Alumni system of coaching; as yet, however, but three men have been back: Drummond, '06, Barrows, '06, and Williams, '08.

Old football players do not need to be told that the best time to coach is in the earlier part of the season, when it is not necessary to unteach the players the mistakes to which they have become habituated. It is not now too late, Alumni, to give of your experience and skill. If you have forgotten the fine points of the game, come back to add your enthusiasm, if nothing else; the team needs enthusing—badly. Don't wait for the week before the Union game; some of you come back now!

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To Prof. Cleveland K. Chase and the members of the Sophomore Class Life extends its congratulations. The abolition of illegal Latin translation should mean much for the work and reputation of the College. It is not only a step in the right direction, but is probably the first of its type taken in American colleges. It is and should be considered typical of the spirit and aims of the Hill.

Prof. Chase, in a speech at Commons reported in another column, took occasion to remark that, being a new man, he could view with a more impartial eye conditions in the College. His eyes have not been idle. He has seen and analyzed a condition for a long time familiar to the student body. Going further, he has suggested and put into operation what would appear a fitting remedy.

There is little doubt in the mind of the average Hamilton man that students have been justified in the use of "trots." No man with a normal mind could do the required amount of work without such "trots" and still have time for a fair amount of exercise and essential college activities. The vogue of the translation was the natural result of unnatural conditions. Prof. Chase believes that he has remedied the conditions and that the reasonable shortening of lessons will render unnecessary the use of any illegal help. The Sophomores have agreed with him and put their "trots" behind them. They have talked the matter over frankly and sensibly and reached a conclusion.

Prof. Chase's attitude has undoubtedly won the approval of the College.

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Seventeen men went down to Rochester Saturday to uphold the gridiron honors of the College. They were accompanied by a large band of rooters. In the stands at Rochester were a number of enthusiastic Alumni. The game was played in the open before a crowd that cheered every play to the echo. No man in either team was forgotten; there were yells enough for everyone and sufficient glory to supply a regiment. Two night before the entire football squad had been the guests of honor at a College Smoker. There was yelling galore but not a single word was said for the team of four men which went to Schenectady the next day and ran against the Union cross-country team. They did not receive the slightest recognition.

Those four went to Union and were given a yell by two Hamilton supporters at the beginning of the race. In thirty seconds they were out of sight; for the next twenty minutes they ran one of the hardest and most gruelling races that exists. There were no spectators and no frantic cheerleaders, no one to urge them on. When they finished they again came into public view for another thirty seconds. The same two Hamilton men were there to catch them when they staggered across the line.

The cross-country men receive no cuts from the Faculty; their work in this department is not even counted in awarding an H. Just what did that team receive? A pleasant trip? Not particularly. Extra cuts? No. A track H? No. Any particular praise or recognition by the student body? No!

To the men who have striven to uphold the honor of the College in the cross-country meets Life extends its thanks. It is a tardy recognition, but none the less deserved.

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It is unnecessary to assert that the board-walk below the arbor is in very poor condition. The planking is so insecure in places as to be really dangerous to the unwary and unless the defects are remedied before coasting begins, we shall have more accidents than usually occur.

Realizing full well the necessity of immediate repairs, a self-constituted committee of Seniors has undertaken to set the condition of the walk to rights. This committee will interview the property owners whose walks need repairing and will endeavor to dissuade them from further neglect or procrastination. Unless action towards bettering conditions is taken by the owners this week, the committee will call for contributions from the student-body so that it may on its own responsibility make our coasting safe. The College should support the committee heartily, giving commendation if the negotiations with the property owners effect the needed repairs or rendering financial support if it becomes necessary for the committee itself to direct the improvements.

MIDDLEBURY PROSPECTS.

Next Saturday the team plays Middlebury. Little is known of the strength of that team except what may be inferred from the bare score of the St. Lawrence-Middlebury game, 47-0 in favor of St. Lawrence. That

either St. Lawrence is very strong or Middlebury very weak is obvious, if scores were reliable indicators. But Hamilton surely ought to defeat Middlebury, however we may view scores. Presumably the same team that played against Rochester will oppose Middlebury, although Leavenworth may recover sufficiently from his twisted ankle to play end.

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es during the last half, but the redoubtable Brown was evidently off form, for the kicks all went wide. Hamilton held the Yellow at one time for downs on the one-yard line, and then punted out of danger. The Varsity was in possession of the ball only at intervals, and then could not gain consistently. As usual, the interference was ragged and the backs ran almost alone. Rochester was acquainted with the triple pass and the end-over formation and these plays, which were used to such good advantage in the earlier games of the schedule, availed nothing. Yet, had the quarters employed the on-side kick and the delayed pass more frequently, the result might have been different.

Rochester's massed interference seemed unsolvable to our ends and the long end runs of Brown were directly due to this able support. The hackneyed shoestring was not successfully employed and the Yellow, realizing the efficacy of the old-style game, used few trick formations or forward passes. Hamilton's line defense was good for the most part, especially in crucial moments. But the halfbacks did not back up the line nor did the ends materially effect the off-tackle bucks of the Rochester backs. Brown outkicked Knox throughout the game and the Rochester backs handled punts much better than did the Varsity, although our ends covered the punts well and Rochester made no long spectacular returns. There was little fumbling by either side.

Rochester earned the victory by hard playing. What characterizeed the Yellow's play was that enviable and vital factor in any success—determination. The Varsity seemed almost listless at times and appeared not to realize the necessity of stubborn opposition until the Yellow had carried the ball within striking distance of the goal posts and then the line held well. Better interference and a reliable drop kicker would have materially altered the score.

As in the Hobart game, the opposing line got the jump on our men. Nor did our line men, when they found that they could not hold their own, playing high as they were, resort to the obvious expedient of playing lower so as to get under their charging opponents.

Our ends played well in that they followed their instructions as to playing a smashing game, but too often did not get in quickly enough.

D. T.

Once more the fantastic "Dreizehn" incantation sends the T-willies curling up the Freshman spines, and again baby-caps have appeared. MacMillan and F. L. Regin have been chosen to fill the coveted places left by Barney and Akers, and cheerfully they lay bare their backs and "makins" to the D. T. brethren. In the near future they will present a one-act tragedy well known as the "Crossing of the Burning Sands." While it is to be hoped that two promising ass. managers will not be lost from our midst, it is only right to look the matter fairly in the face and expect the worst.

"Even so."

MUSICAL CLUBS FORECAST.

It is a source of great satisfaction to the management of the Musical Clubs to have received during the past week requests from four or five towns for early concerts. Frankfort, Middletown and Schenectady wish to entertain the Clubs before Christmas and Binghamton has made an offer for four engagements to be filled Thanksgiving Day and the day preceding. Of course, the Clubs will not be in shape to give concerts much before the Christmas holidays.

The management wishes the long Easter trip to be taken in territory not previously covered by the Clubs —that is, mostly west of Buffalo— and is working toward that end. It is too early in the season to know definitely whether or not such a plan is feasible. If that scheme is carried out, the Clubs will probably be able to grant the request of Manager Pomeroy, of the Western Reserve Musical Association, for a joint concert in Jamestown, New York. More than likely Warren and Ashtabula, Ohio, would be on a western itinerary. The Amherst College Musical Clubs have also asked for a joint concert in our territory.

A western trip would, no doubt, be a desirable innovation; however, the management is reluctant to let excellent opportunities for concerts in Schenectady, Binghamton, Middletown, Brooklyn and New Rochelle go untouched. The new Faculty ruling, denying a winter trip, makes such a course almost imperative if the Clubs are to go West. The three half-day cuts granted, no two of which are to be used in succession, precluded the possibility of going anywhere more than twenty miles distant, during the term at least, for financial reasons, unless every man on the Clubs has cuts and is willing to use them. This will limit our pre-Easter activities to Clinton, Ilion, Herkimer, Little Falls, West Winfield, Rome, and, at the farthest, Lowville, unless a plan, which Manager Boone will present to the Clubs, is adopted. This plan is substantially to commence a winter trip with the first concert on the evening of December 21st, and to continue on the 22d and 23rd, disbanding Saturday night. This will allow the men to return to their respective homes for Christmas on Monday.

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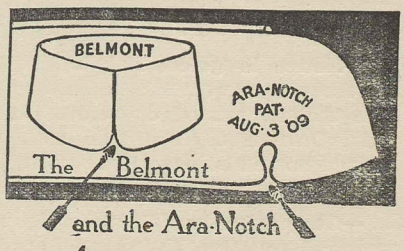
"The men are out there on the field working six days a week and all I ask is that the fellows get out on the sidelines. They're working every minute and their work deserves that every man, who can possibly arrange it, go to Rochester Saturday."

The College songs were rendered with their usual snap during the evening, while the work of the Junior cheer leaders was extremely commendable. Of course there were peanuts and smokes.

—Like other embryo managers, K. King of the Freshman football team is endowed with rosy-hued optimism. They plan to play Ilion, Binghamton and Norwich High Schools this fall.



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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

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HILL NOTES.

—The Senior Executive Committee will be appointed next week.

—Adams, '12, entertained the recently organized Chess Club at his home on College Street last Wednesday evening.

—A contract has just been let to a Clinton firm for the construction of an eight million gallon reservoir for the College waterworks.

—Elihu Root, '64, is Chairman, and S. H. Adams, '91, Secretary of the committee of Trustees in charge of the Centennial Celebration.

—At a meeting of the Freshman Class last Wednesday, K. B. King of Warren, Ohio, was elected Captain of the Freshman Football Team.

—At a meeting of the Senior Class a week ago last Saturday, an auditing committee was appointed to close up the books of the 1912 Hamiltonian.

—Subject to an annuity, the late Wallace B. Lucas, D.D., '66, earlier of Meridian, N. Y., and later pastor at Chattanooga, Tenn., left the College a sum which will ultimately be about $12,000.

—The 1912 Junior Whist Club of last year is to be continued as the Senior Club. The Chi Psi delegation of '12 will entertain the class on Thursday evening, October 26th, at the Chi Psi Lodge.

—The German Club met for the first time last Friday evening at the home of Professor Brandt. The first two acts of the play "Kopnickerstrassen 120" were read.

—Notice is given that the names of those men who will not have paid the athletic tax on or before Thursday, October 26, and who have obtained no remission, will be posted on the College bulletin board.

—George Hallam Sicard, '06, was married to Miss Katherine Benedict Burrell on the evening of October 18th. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock at the Casson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. R. U. Sherman, '06, L. P. Stryker, '06, and A. F. Osborn, '09, were ushers.

—The Senior Class has elected the following officers: President, James S. Plant, Glencarlyn, Va.; Vice-president, Donald S. Root, Cooperstown, N. Y.; Secretary, Glenn R. Bedenkapp, Lewiston, N. Y.; Treasurer, Robert W. Drummond, Auburn, N. Y.

—Pratt, '12, has returned to College. He asserts wrathfully that the 'dope' about Luxe is a lie.

—The following Alumni have been on the Hill recently: Root, '64, Tompkins, '65, Soper, '65, Knox, '74, Sherman, '78, Bristol, '82, Lee, '85, Rogers, '87, Adams, '91, Weaver, '91, Hewitt, '96, Cookingham, '96, Cookingham, '01, Sherman, '04, Judd, '04, Sherman, '05, Root, '05, Cookingham, '08, Judson, '08, Osborne, '09, Baldwin, '10, Gould, '11, Sheffield, '11.

—At a meeting of Professor Davenport's Political Seminar last Wednesday, the following officers were elected: President, Bedenkapp; secretary, Ahlheim; treasurer, Bates. The Seminar expects to affiliate with the Interscholastic Civic League and will send a delegate to the convention of the League next Spring. It will also publish for circulation among its members, a monthly magazine which will deal with matters, political and economic.

EZRA POUND, POET.

To one of the Class of 1905 fame has already come. Ezra Pound has published his fifth book, a collection of verse entitled "Canzoni," and again the reviews have been favorable to the point of flattery. Punch, that English paper which usually frowns upon young poets, says:

"Concerning a certain Mr. Ezekiel Ton, by far the newest poet going, whatever the other advertisements say, and the most remarkable thing in poetry since Robert Browning, he has succeeded, when all others have failed, in evolving a blend of imagery of the unfettered west, the vocabulary of Wardour St., and the sinister abandon of Borgaic Italy."

Pound's first book, "A Lumi Spenti," (With Tapers Quenched), was printed privately in Venice. Then Elkin Mathews, of London, became his printer and published his next three collections of verse, "Personae," and "Exultations," in 1909, "The Spirit of Romance," his only prose book so far, and lastly "Canzoni."

Of "Exultations" the Spectator says: "Mr. Pound is that rare thing among modern poets,—a scholar. He is not only cultivated but learned. We feel that this writer has in him the capacity for remarkable literary achievement. His virility and passion are immense. The 'Ballad of the Goodly Fere,' a wonderful presentation of Christ, haunts our memory."

Mr. Pound was prominent while in Hamilton, especially in the early Italian and Provincial poetry study in Prof. Shepard's department. The influence of this work is very pronounced in his poems. He has successfully endeavored to revive the ballad style of verse. If the influence of any English poet is especially pronounced, it is that of Browning. Pound has much of that powerful condensed style that is Browning's marked characteristic.

Life offers its congratulations to Pound in his success, and hopes to see his books soon on the Library shelves.

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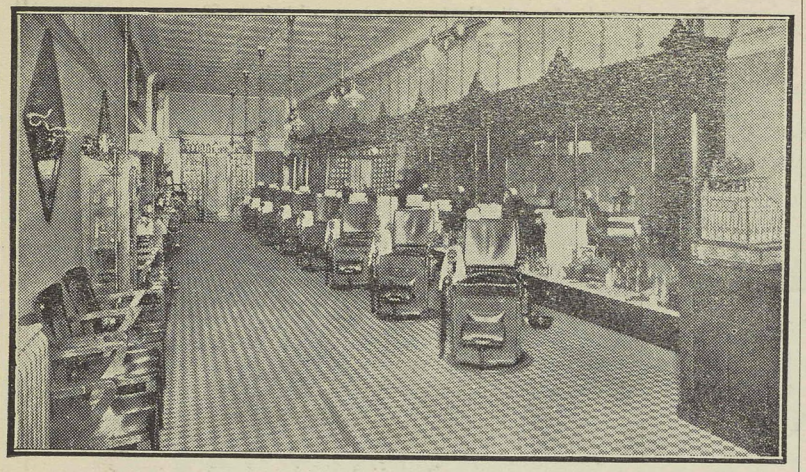

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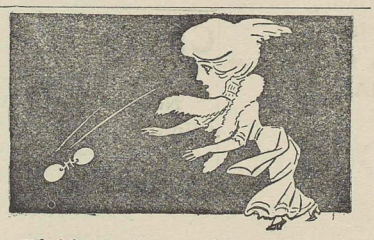

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